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LAST HOURS OF CONGRESS

The Galleries of Both Senate and House Are Packed with Inauguration Visitors.

SESSIONS ARE LIVELY

Warm Debate in Both Branches of the Legislature—Interstate Commerce Bill Causes Bitter Talk in the Senate—Mr. Hepburn Is Aroused to Eloquence by the River and Harbor Bill.

Exclusives Wire from The Associated Press
Washington, March 3.—Despite the heat and the unusual activity, particularly at this time of the session of capital, the galleries of the Senate were thronged with strangers yesterday when the Senate resumed its session of yesterday. The Senate convened at 3 p.m. and proceeded directly to the business of facilitating the enactment of the remaining appropriation bills. A conference was agreed to on the general deficiency bill, the conferees of the part of the Senate being Mr. Hale, Mr. Allison and Mr. Teller.

Mr. Allison presented a partial report on the sundry civil bill. The bill was sent back to conference with Mr. Allison, Mr. Hale and Mr. Cochran as joint conferees.

Consideration of the bill relating to safety appliances on railroad tracks and requiring railway managers under oath to make monthly reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission of all accidents that may occur to passengers and employees and the attending circumstances, was resumed.

Some amendments had been offered. Mr. Pettigrew, who was particularly interested in the measure, declared that the adoption of the amendments would kill the bill and he believed that was the purpose of their authors.

Mr. Wilson said the measure was ridiculous and unnecessary. The conferees of the bill, he asserted, came from the Interstate Commerce Commission, which desired to aggrandize it and obtain some other functions to perform.

Pending further discussion, Senators Nelson, McMillan and Berry were named as conferees on the river and harbor bill. The final conference report upon the general deficiency bill was agreed to without comment.

Mr. Hale secured the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of war to send to the Senate all information in his possession as to the authenticity of the alleged order for the massacre of foreigners in Manila on the night of Feb. 1, 1899, and to state whether the original of the alleged order was in possession of the war department and where it now is.

Regarding Torpedo Boats.

Henn, Ohio, and Perkins, California. The Senate decided to file an amendment providing for three Holland boats, 32 to 35.

Under the unanimous consent arrangement a number of house bills not of general interest were passed. In addition, fifty-four private pension bills were passed.

At 5:45 p.m. a recess was taken until 10:30 p.m.

Brilliant Scenes.

When the Senate reconvened at 10:30 p.m., in the scene in the chamber, particularly in the galleries, suggested a notable social function. The galleries were packed to the doors and hundreds of persons were obliged to leave, unable to gain admission.

Mr. Morgan (Ala.) addressed the Senate upon his resolution authorizing the president to conclude arrangements with the governments of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the construction of the Isthmian canal. His address, which he had reduced to writing, reader, he said, has been read in Congress, and more of the valuable time of the Senate than possible, was an appeal to the Senate for action upon the Nicaragua canal question at the present session. He pointed out that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty would expire by luncheon on March 4. It was evident, therefore, that the treaty must fall. He urged, in view of that fact, that Congress should take immediate action upon the canal bill, showing thereby that it was not chained to Great Britain.

The special order was adopted.

Mr. Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the river and harbor committee, presented Mr. Hepburn's charge that the individual items in the bill could not stand alone upon their merits. He said, however, that the bill, as it passed the house contained 339 items. The Senate, after investigation, had rejected but four of them.

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The Senate amendments to the District of Columbia code bill were contained in. The bill now goes to the president for his approval.

The conference report on the naval bill was adopted, and the bill now goes to the president for his approval.

Meeks, Burton, of Illinois, and Crittenden, Mississippi, were appointed conferees.

The passage of the canal bill, he declared, would be fit action on this historic Sabbath day and would lend an added glory to the great government that was to occur tomorrow.

At the conclusion of his speech, Mr. Morgan asked unanimous consent that the Senate adopt his resolution which would preserve the protocol of treaties between the United States and Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Mr. Aldrich objected.

Mr. Mason reported a further disengagement upon the river and harbor bills. The item still in contention are the payment of \$396,000 to the Brazos Improvement Company of Texas, and appropriations for the two reservoirs in Wyoming and one reservoir in South Dakota.

Mr. Mason said that he did not believe an agreement could be reached upon the item in controversy, and both he and Mr. Berry, another of the conferees, urged the Senate to discuss the propositions involved and decide them by an axe and vote. Mr. Morgan moved that the Senate recede from the contested amendment.

In course of the discussion this motion was pre-empted. Mr. Carter (Mont.) made a vigorous attack upon river and harbor bills in general, and the pending measure in particular. He declared that these bills were vicious and "certainly contrary to the principles of sound legislation."

During the discussion the complete agreement on the postoffice appropriation bill was agreed to. The bill now goes to the president.

At 1:45 a.m. Mr. Allison presented another partial report on the sundry civil appropriation bill and stated what items were still in dispute. Upon his motion a further conference was ordered.

Mr. Carter continued his speech upon the river and harbor bills, severely criticizing many items in the measure.

MR. HEPBURN'S SPEECH.

He Becomes Eloquent Upon the River and Harbor Bill.

Exclusives Wire from The Associated Press
Washington, March 3.—The house assumed its session at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with the galleries packed to the doors with inauguration visitors. A majority of them were soldiers in uniform.

Although several hard fights over items in the various appropriation bills opened up on the floor, the leaders were confident that all the disputes would be settled before noon tomorrow, when Congress adjourned for the session.

The house was still in the legislative day of Friday and the members came prepared for a sleep through the night if the complications made an all night session necessary.

Mr. Groveson (Ohio), from the committee on rules, presented a special order providing that after ten minutes debate it should be held up by three appropriations.

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